

Technical education in remote areas

†1218. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any scheme to impart technical education in the remote Adivasi regions;

(b) if so, since when, the places in the States are benefited by this scheme; and

(c) the names of technical schools which have been either set up or proposal to be set up during 2005-06 and 2006-07 in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, the proposals for starting of vocational schools at 10+2 level are formulated by the concerned State Governments and submitted to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for consideration, approval and release of grants. No proposals from the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have been received under this scheme during 2005-06 and 2006-07. The scheme, however, does not cover opening of 'technical schools'.

Fake universities in the country

†1219. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that twenty or more universities have been found to be fake in the country;

(b) if so, the number of students who were studying in these universities and the date of such students;

(c) the quantum of grant given to these fake universities by UGC and other Government resources; and

(d) the details of the action taken against those responsible for running these universities?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has so far detected 19 universities/institutions in different parts of the country as fake. A list of fake universities/institutions is at Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to unstarred Question 1186]. No data or information of students studying in these fake universities is maintained.

(c) Grants are released by the UGC to only such Universities and Colleges as are recognized under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956. The UGC has, therefore, not paid any grant to any fake educational institution.

(d) Cases have been filed in various Courts by UGC regarding status and conduct of some of these universities/institutions. The concerned State Chief Secretaries and District Superintendent(s) of Police have been requested to get the matter investigated by registering an appropriate complaint/FIR and to initiate the prosecution against those who are involved in such acts of defrauding the cheating students by not only misrepresenting themselves as "Universities" but also by awarding degrees and using the word "University or Vishwavidyalaya" with their names.

Right to Education Bill

1220. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a CABE Committee had prepared a draft of the Right to Education Bill;

(b) if so, the present status of the draft Bill;

(c) whether his Ministry has instructed State Governments to send comments on a model Right to Education Bill which is to be enacted at the State level;

(d) if so, the reason behind the inability of Government to enact a Central legislation in this regard;

(e) whether the National Knowledge Commission has made some observations on the Right to Education Bill; and

(f) if so, the response of his Ministry to the knowledge Commission's observations?